



Minutes

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York

March 21, 2024

Electronic and In-Person Meeting

Council Chambers

17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: W. Emmerson, G. Chan, M. Chan, N. Davison, S. Del Duca, J. DiPaola, M. Ferri, M. Hackson, A. Ho, J. Jones, J. Li, I. Lovatt, T. Mrakas, S. Pellegrini, M. Quirk, G. Rosati, F. Scarpitti, J. Taylor, D. West

Staff: D. Basso, K. Chislett, P. Freeman, D. Kuzmyk, E. Mahoney, L. Mirabella, L. McDowell, Dr. B. Pakes, C. Raynor

A. Call to Order

Regional Chair Emmerson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Regional Chair Emmerson made the following remarks:

We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land.

We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.

C. Disclosures of Interest

Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval

Mayor Scarpitti declared an interest in Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Items J.2.2 and M.3, report and private attachment on Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval as his brother is an employee of Compugen Inc. Mayor Scarpitti did not participate in the discussion or vote on this matter.

(See Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Items J.2.2 and M.3)

D. Minutes of Council

D.1 Council Meeting held on February 22, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor Li
Seconded by Mayor Quirk

Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on February 22, 2024.

Carried

E. Presentations

E.1 Ministry of Transportation - Highway 413 and Bradford Bypass Project Updates

Moved by Mayor Mrakas
Seconded by Mayor Lovatt

Council receive the presentation from Jonathan McGarry, Senior Project Engineer, Ministry of Transportation, Jay Goldberg, Project Manager, Transportation, WSP and Alex MacLean, Project Engineer, Ministry of Transportation.

Carried

F. Deputations

F.1 York Region's 2024 to 2027 Plan for Newcomer Inclusion and 2025 to 2035 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor DiPaola

Council receive the deputation from Shernett Martin, ANCHOR Canada.

Carried

(See Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Items H.2.1 and H.2.3)

F.2 Wastewater Energy Transfer Agreement with Markham District Energy Inc.

Moved by Regional Councillor Ferri
Seconded by Regional Councillor Ho

Council receive the deputation from Jack Heath.

Carried

(See Item H.1 - Committee of the Whole Item G.2.1)

G. Communications

G.1 Proposed Highway 413

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council receive the communication from Bruno Malfara dated December 5, 2023.

Carried

(See Items E.1 and G.3)

G.2 Highway 413 Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study Update Presentation

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council receive the communication from Todd Coles, City Clerk, City of Vaughan dated December 22, 2023.

Carried

(See Items E.1 and G.3)

G.3 Update on Provincial Highway Projects in York Region

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council receive the memorandum from Laura McDowell, Commissioner of Public Works dated March 5, 2024.

Carried

(See Item E.1)

G.4 Response to new provincial legislation for streamlined environmental assessment of higher-risk municipal infrastructure projects

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council receive the memorandum from Laura McDowell, Commissioner of Public Works dated March 12, 2024.

Carried

G.5 2023 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Local Board Appointees

Moved by Mayor Hackson
Seconded by Regional Councillor G. Chan

Council receive the memorandum from Laura Mirabella, Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer dated March 5, 2024.

Carried

H. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

H.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - March 7, 2024

Moved by Mayor Pellegrini
Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

Council adopt the recommendations in the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 7, 2024, except for Items J.2.2 and M.3.

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones
Seconded by Regional Councillor M. Chan

J.2.2 and M.3 - Contract Awards and Amendments Requiring Council Approval

Council adopt the following recommendations in the report dated February 9, 2024 from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. Council approve the new non-standard procurements, extensions, and increases described in Appendix A and Private Attachment 1.
2. Council authorize the Signing Authorities in Table 6 of this Report to execute the related contracts and instruments for the purchases in Appendix A and Private Attachment 1.

Carried

(Mayor Scarpitti declared an interest in relation to this matter and did not take part in the discussion or vote on this matter.)

I. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded by Mayor Del Duca

Council approve and enact the following bylaws:

- I.1 2024-11 - Stop up and Close a Portion of 14th Avenue
- I.2 2024-12 - Uniform Water Service Rate Bylaw
- I.3 2024-13 - Uniform Wastewater Service Rate Bylaw

Carried

J. Motions

J.1 Support for York Region's Northern Six Municipalities Housing Accelerator Fund Applications

Motion to Waive Notice Requirements

Moved by Mayor Lovatt

Seconded by Mayor West

Council waive notice requirements to bring a motion regarding support for York Region's northern six municipalities' Housing Accelerator Fund applications.

Carried by 2/3 majority

Moved by Mayor Lovatt
Seconded by Mayor West

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York is one of Canada's largest municipalities; and,

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York is ranked as one of Canada's fastest growing regions; and,

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York is expected to grow to approximately 2.05 million people by 2051, adding over 944,000 new residents; and,

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York distributes forecasted growth to its nine cities and towns, and all nine municipalities play an important role in achieving regional and provincial growth targets; and,

WHEREAS York Region's northern six municipalities, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville represent approximately 30% of this future growth; and,

WHEREAS York Region appreciates the \$59 million in funding provided to the City of Vaughan, the \$31 million provided to the City of Richmond Hill and the \$59 million provided to the City of Markham from the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund; and,

WHEREAS York Region's northern six municipalities, except for East Gwillimbury all applied to the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund to support this growth but were declined without explanation; and,

WHEREAS this important funding would have helped York Region's northern six municipalities build communities that support York Region's growth targets with a variety of housing options, significantly contributing to the Federal and Provincial governments respective goals of building more housing; and,

WHEREAS, to keep property taxes stable, all of York Region's nine municipalities need long-term predictable funding from the federal government for housing enabling investments; and,

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has recently released there is a critical need for the federal government to invest in the infrastructure supporting new housing units, such as water and wastewater, public transit, local roads, and climate change adaptation measures. This is crucial to support quality of life for Canadian families, today and for generations to come in all of York Region's nine cities and towns;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. York Regional Council request a re-assessment of York Region's northern six municipalities 2023 Housing Accelerator Fund applications by the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada and the Canadian Municipal Housing Corporation.
2. Any further Housing Accelerator Fund investments in future budgets prioritize municipalities with significant forecasted residential and employment growth like York Region's northern six municipalities.
3. This resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Canadian Municipal Housing Corporation, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), Small Urban GTHA Mayors Caucus, York Region Members of Parliament and all nine York Region municipalities.

Carried

K. Notices of Motion to Reconsider

None

L. Other Business

L.1 Canadian Public Health Week

Regional Chair Emmerson noted April 8 to 12, 2024 marks the third annual Canadian Public Health Week.

Members of Council were invited to tour the Region's Public Health Clinic on April 6, 2024. The tour will showcase public health programs and services that highlight inclusiveness and quality of care offered to York Region residents.

L.2 Observances and Days of Significance

Regional Chair Emmerson noted special awareness days and observances in March:

- **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** - March 18 to 24, 2024 - Aims to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences while creating more inclusive and equitable communities.

- **World Down Syndrome Day** - March 21, 2024 - Works to promote a positive image of people with down syndrome and recognize these individuals as valued members of our communities.
- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** - March 21, 2024 - Calls on governments and citizens to mobilize for equality and find ways to fight racism and racial discrimination.
- **World Water Day** - March 22, 2024 - Annual reminder that safe and reliable water sources are key to healthy and thriving communities.
- **Earth Hour** - March 23, 2024 - York Region will turn off all non-essential lights during Earth Hour to help raise awareness of the small ways we can each benefit the health of our planet.
- **Holi** - March 25, 2024 - Regional Chair Emmerson extended best wishes to all York Region communities celebrating the Hindu festival of colours and spring.
- **Easter** - March 29 to 31, 2024 - Regional Chair Emmerson extended warmest wishes to York Region residents celebrating Easter.

L.3 Appointments to the Newcomer Inclusion Table

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the following appointments to the Newcomer Inclusion Table as the representatives for their respective organizations:

- Marsha Parry-Folkes, Senior Director, Programs & Services, Achēv
- Alain Beaudoin, Président/Directeur Général, AFRY (Association des francophones de la région de York)
- Tod Dungey, Associate Director of Education, York Region District School Board
- Inspector Lindsay Newlove, York Regional Police
- Adelina Bridi, Director of Settlement Services, Catholic Community Services of York Region

L.4 Appointments to Human Services Planning Board

Regional Chair Emmerson announced the following appointments to the Human Services Planning Board as the representatives for their respective organizations:

- Gayle Seddon, Clinical Director, Community Programs, Southlake Regional Health Centre
- Tod Dungey, Associate Director of Education, Schools, Programs and Equitable Outcomes, York Region District School Board

M. Private Session

Moved by Regional Councillor Jones

Seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

Council resolve into private session at 10:46 a.m. to consider:

M.1 Verbal Update - Personal Matter about an Identifiable Individual and Legal Advice

Carried

Council resumed in public session at 11:40 a.m.

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In private session, Council provided confidential direction to staff.

N. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

Council enact Bylaw No. 2024-14 to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council held on March 21, 2024.

Carried

O. Adjournment

Moved by Mayor Scarpitti

Seconded by Mayor Hackson

Council adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Carried

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Council held on April 25, 2024.

Regional Chair